



Maryland
Department of
Human Services



OHEP Advisory Board

January 8th, 2026
Meeting Agenda

- New Deputy Director Introduction
- FY 2026 2nd Quarter Data
- Federal Shutdown
- United Benefits-Maryland One App
- Community Solar Pilot
- PROMISE Pilot
- Member Updates
- Next Steps/ Action Items

Please Welcome



**Sabrina Dewitt, Deputy, Director
Office of Home Energy Programs
(OHEP)**

Year	FY 2025	FY 2026	CHANGE	% CHANGE
	7/1/24-12/31/24	7/1/25-12/31/25	2025-2026	2025-2026
Applications YTD*				
Total	98,987	121,679	22,692	22.92%
MEAP	96,879	121,679	24,800	28.9%
EUSP Bill Payment	97,480	122,039	24,559	30.5%
EUSP Arrearage Retirement	55,941	76,589	20,648	36.9%
Gas Arrearage Retirement	26,033	44,690	18,657	71%
Crisis	496	11	-485	-98%
Receiving Benefits YTD**				
MEAP	69,484	80,170	10,686	15.4%
EUSP Bill Payment	69,941	80,778	10,837	16%
EUSP Arrearage Retirement	16,250	15,158	-1,092	-6.7%
Gas Arrearage Retirement	5,086	5,686	600	49.3%
Crisis	141	31	110	-78%



Federal Shutdown

OHEP Federal Government Shutdown Update

In response to the Federal Government Shutdown which began on October 1st, 2025, Governor Moore issued Executive Order 01.01.2025.24 on November 7th, authorizing the Office of Home Energy Programs to use state special funds to ensure the continued issuance of critical benefits, including the Maryland Energy Assistance Program, Gas Arrearage Retirement Assistance, and Winter Crisis benefits.

24,123 households were able to receive grants with more than 6M paid in energy benefits.



Maryland One App



Governor Wes Moore announced the launch of the Maryland Benefits One Application, a new mobile-friendly tool designed to simplify access to vital assistance programs for Marylanders.



This streamlined approach allows eligible residents to apply for multiple benefits including Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Women, Infants, Children (WIC) programming, and energy assistance through a single, accessible online application.

The move is part of an effort to remove barriers to critical services by creating a one-stop shop, with the application taking an average of 28 minutes to complete.

[Maryland Benefits One App](#)



Community Solar



The Office of Home Energy Programs launched a six-month Community Solar Pilot in partnership with the Department of Energy's, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, the Public Service Commission, and the Maryland Energy Administration to explore how community solar subscriptions can be effectively integrated with Maryland's energy assistance framework to reduce household energy burdens by 25%. Our current piloting agencies are:

Baltimore City

Baltimore County

Prince George's County

Montgomery County

Anne Arundel County

Howard County



PROMISE



The Maryland Office of Home Energy Programs, in partnership with MDTHINK and Promise, will implement a targeted pilot designed to increase enrollment in the Maryland Energy Assistance Program among households already receiving SNAP benefits by leveraging data matching and utility account integration.

Through secure data sharing with Maryland DHS and participating utilities, Promise will use advanced matching technology to identify SNAP households who are missing utility information for application processing reducing administrative burden and time to grant benefits. The pilot prioritizes households at risk of utility shut off, minimizes the need for reapplication, while maintaining audit-ready records and strong data security standards.



Advisory Board Member Updates

Next Steps/Action Items



FY26 Dates Scheduled

April 9, 2026



Thank you!